



## About the Cemetery

The Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery is located off of Louisiana State Highway 789 on Mike Clark Road in southwest Caddo Parish. The cemetery primarily serves a 75 mile radius which includes northwest Louisiana, northeast Texas and southwest Arkansas.

In 1999, the state veterans cemetery program was established by the Louisiana Legislature within the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs due to a limited amount of national cemetery burial space in the state. Eight years later, in 2007, the Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery was dedicated. When at full capacity, the cemetery will accommodate more than 22,000 burial sites.

There are two annual ceremonies at the cemetery: Memorial Day and Wreaths Across America Day. We welcome all families and visitors to attend. For directions to the cemetery, visit [bit.ly/NWLVCDirections](http://bit.ly/NWLVCDirections).

## Contact Us

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OFFICE HOURS  
Monday-Friday  
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The cemetery is open for visiting during  
daylight hours seven days per week.

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# NORTHWEST LOUISIANA VETERANS CEMETERY

*a final resting place of honor*





# A Place of Honor

Louisiana's five state-run veterans cemeteries offer burial sites for in-ground casketed and cremated remains and above-ground cremated remains. Each burial site is double occupancy, and the final resting place for both the veteran and non-veteran eligible dependent. VA granite markers are provided at no cost for the eligible veteran and for a nominal fee for the eligible dependent. Veterans and eligible dependents will share the provided marker.



*In-ground casketed remains*



*Columbarium wall for cremated remains*



## Our Services

Each veteran and eligible dependent is entitled to a committal service. This is not a funeral.

All services are held at the committal shelter, an open-air covered pavilion with seating. No one goes to the gravesite on the day of the committal.

The committal service lasts between 15 and 30 minutes and consists of a vehicle procession, a committal prayer and military honors if the deceased is a veteran.

Interments are scheduled Monday through Friday. Contact the cemetery directly for availability. The cemetery is open for visiting during daylight hours including weekends and holidays.

Due to time constraints for the committal service, we do suggest holding a funeral, memorial or celebration of life for your loved one either before or after the committal service.

## Eligibility

Pre-eligibility requests are encouraged, but are not required. This does not reserve or guarantee a burial space in the future.

There are certain requirements to be buried in a veterans cemetery:

- The veteran must have served on active duty, not in a training status, for at least one day prior to 1980, or two consecutive years after 1980.
- For Reserve or National Guard service, the veteran must be retired, have died while in training, received a service-connected disability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or have been activated under Title 10 for a specific national operation.
- The veteran must have been discharged under honorable conditions.
- Eligible dependents may be interred with the veteran.



*Carillon  
Bell Tower*